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1 **A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE ENACTMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF**
2 **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (MEMS)**
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4 **WHEREAS** Southern Methodist University is one of the fastest growing
5 universities in the State of Texas with over 11,000 students,
6 faculty, and staff for the 2010-2011 academic year, SMU is
7 quickly approaching a point where the current Emergency
8 Medical Services offered can no longer accommodate the
9 needs of the University as well as the community at large, and

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11 **FULLY AWARE** of the efforts made by the Memorial Health Center,
12 University Park and Highland Park Fire Departments who are
13 committed to the safety and health of the SMU populace, and
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15 **APPRECIATING** their services towards covering SMU's Emergency Medical
16 Services while continuing to accommodate the needs of the
17 surrounding communities, especially when the services are
18 spread thin, and
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20 **NOTING FURTHER** that it is in SMU's best interest to strengthen its relationships
21 with the University Park and Highland Park Fire Department,
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24 **KEEPING IN MIND** the opportunity that this would create for fostering a closer
25 partnership between SMU graduates, undergraduates, and the
26 region's Emergency Medical Services as a way of promoting
27 a safer campus, and
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29 **TAKING INTO** the fact that there is waning medical coverage for athletic
30 **CONSIDERATION** events and extracurricular activities such as sporting events,
31 Boulevarding, concerts, and AARO, increased visitor traffic
32 due to the opening of the Presidential Bush Library,
33 insufficient operating hours of the Memorial Health Center
34 (Monday-Friday from 8:30am-5:00pm), which leaves a
35 critical 15.5 hour gap of Emergency Medical Coverage on
36 week days and a 24 hour gap on weekends, a lack of
37 comprehensive First EMS Response to major University
38 disasters, and
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40 **BEARING IN** the fact that there is no standard student procedure on
41 **MIND** whom to contact in a medical emergency, the fact that only
42 one ambulance/paramedic crew is stationed at University Park
43 Fire Department with an average response time of 5-8 minutes

44 (which, in a serious medical emergency, can be life
45 threatening), the fact that there is a lack of on-campus
46 volunteering experience for 140 to 160 pre-medical
47 undergraduate students, the fact that there is no mention of
48 Emergency Medical Services in the Student Code of Conduct,
49 and the fact that that there is a lack of concise reporting on
50 medical issues facing students, and

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52 **RECOGNIZING** that Mustang EMS would consist of highly motivated and
53 dedicated students who would donate their time and skills to
54 enhance the quality of life at Southern Methodist University
55 by reducing response time to emergency situations; thereby
56 literally saving the lives of countless individuals both on and
57 off campus, and

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59 **CONVINCED** that despite a considerable investment in time, energy, and
60 materials will be required of the University, in the end,
61 MEMS will bolster the safety, security, and prestige of
62 Southern Methodist University, so

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64 **BE IT THEREFORE**
65 **ENDORSED** that the administration of Southern Methodist University
66 work with the University Park and Highland Park EMS Crews
67 in the creation of the Mustang Emergency Medical Services
68 (MEMS), operating under the standing delegated orders and
69 treatment protocols of the agency medical director of the
70 University Park Fire Department EMS division.

71 Respectively Submitted,

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